

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DOCKET NO. 2020-43-E**

IN RE:

Application of Dominion Energy South )  
 Carolina, Incorporated for a Certificate of )  
 Environmental Compatibility and Public )  
 Convenience and Necessity for the )  
 Construction and Operation of the )  
 Toolebeck - Aiken 230 kV Tie and )  
 Segments of the Graniteville #2 - )  
 Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck - South )  
 Augusta 230 kV Tie, and Associated )  
 Facilities )  
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**STIPULATION**

This Stipulation is made by and between the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC”) (collectively referred to as the “Parties” or sometimes individually as a “Party”).

WHEREAS, the above-captioned proceeding has been established by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) pursuant to the provisions in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-10 *et. seq.* (2015) (“the Siting Act”) and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-304 (2012) at the request of DESC, which filed an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of the Toolebeck - Aiken 230 kV Tie and Segments of the Graniteville #2 - Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck - South Augusta 230 kV Tie, and Associated Facilities (“Application”);

WHEREAS, in the Application, DESC seeks a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity (“Certificate”) for the construction and operation of one

230 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line and two 230 kV line segments (“Proposed Lines”) and associated facilities in Aiken County, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, the first of the proposed facilities is a 230 kV transmission line extending approximately 7.2-miles from DESC’s existing Toolebeck Switching Station in Aiken County, South Carolina, to the Interconnection Point approximately 0.7 miles east of the South Carolina Public Service Authority’s (“SCPSA”) existing Aiken Substation in Aiken County, South Carolina. DESC proposed that this 230 kV transmission line be a tie line connecting the DESC and SCPSA electrical transmission systems. Upon completion, the proposed line would be called the Toolebeck -Aiken 230 kV Tie and it will be owned and operated by DESC and would be located primarily on existing DESC right-of-way. The line will then continue another 0.7 miles from the SCPSA Interconnection Point to SCPSA’s Aiken Substation. This 0.7-mile segment of line will be built, owned, and operated by SCPSA;

WHEREAS, the second of the proposed facilities concerns the existing Graniteville #2 – South Augusta 230 kV Tie that connects the DESC and Southern Company electrical transmission systems. DESC proposed that the Graniteville #2 – South Augusta 230 kV Tie be folded into the Toolebeck Switching Station in Aiken County, South Carolina. The fold-in would run on approximately 10.5 miles of existing DESC rights-of-way and approximately 0.1 miles of new right-of-way from the existing Urquhart Junction approximately 10 miles southwest of Aiken, South Carolina and 6 miles east of the Savannah River to the Toolebeck Switching Station in Aiken County, South Carolina. Upon completion, these two proposed lines would be renamed the Graniteville #2 – Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck – South Augusta 230 kV Tie;

WHEREAS, DESC applied to construct associated facilities to be added to DESC’s transmission system, specifically the 230 kV side of the Toolebeck Switching Station, which

currently only has 115 kV capability. Upon completion of the upgrades, the Toolebeck Switching Station will be renamed the Toolebeck Transmission Substation;

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Stipulation are parties of record in the above-captioned docket;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-140 (2015) the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”), the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (“PRT”), are also parties to this proceeding (collectively, the “Other Parties of Record”). This Stipulation was provided to the Other Parties of Record prior to execution.

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in discussions to determine if a Stipulation would be in their best interest;

WHEREAS, following these discussions the Parties have each determined that their interests, and those of the public, would be best served by reaching an agreement on matters set forth in DESC’s Application in the above-captioned case under the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. The Parties agree to stipulate into the record before the Commission the direct testimony and exhibits of the following witnesses without objection, change, amendment or cross-examination with the exception of changes comparable to that which would be presented via an errata sheet or through a witness noting a correction.

- A. DESC witnesses: R. Scott Parker and Nathan V. Bass

- B. ORS witness: Brandon S. Bickley

2. As a compromise, the following is adopted, accepted, and acknowledged as the agreement of the Parties:

- A. ORS will recommend that the Commission approve DESC's Application and grant DESC a Certificate for the Toolebeck - Aiken 230 kV Tie and Segments of the Graniteville #2 - Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck - South Augusta 230 kV Tie, and Associated Facilities, as requested in the Application;
- B. DESC agrees to notify ORS and the Commission once all necessary rights-of-way of the affected landowners are secured and provide proof that such rights have been obtained;
- C. DESC agrees to follow all South Carolina, Commission and local government regulations and laws arising from matters set forth in the Application;
- D. DESC will notify ORS and the Commission when the facilities begin commercial operation and of any changes to the planned commercial operation dates.

3. The Parties agree this Stipulation is reasonable, in the public interest and in accordance with law and regulatory policy.

4. Further, ORS is charged with the duty to represent the public interest of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10(B) (2015, as amended). S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B) defines the "public interest," for the purposes of Chapter 4 of Title 58, as "the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer and preservation of continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services."

5. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith with one another in recommending to the Commission that this Stipulation be accepted and approved by the Commission as a fair, reasonable and full resolution in the above-captioned proceeding. The Parties agree to use

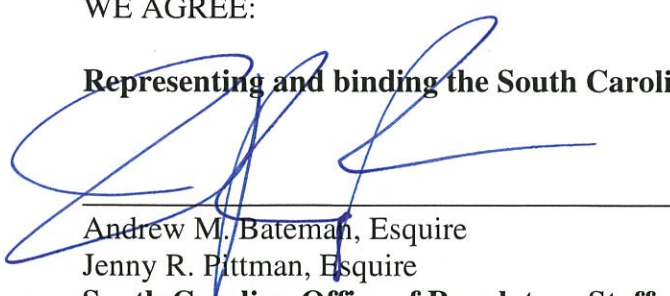
reasonable efforts to defend and support any Commission order issued approving this Stipulation and the terms and conditions contained herein.

6. This written Stipulation contains the complete agreement of the Parties. There are no other terms and conditions to which the Parties have agreed. The Parties agree that this Stipulation will not constrain, inhibit or impair their arguments or positions held in future proceedings, nor will the Stipulation or any of the matters agreed to in it be used as evidence or precedent in any future proceeding. If the Commission should decline to approve the Stipulation in its entirety, then any Party desiring to do so may withdraw from the Stipulation without penalty.

7. This Stipulation shall be interpreted according to South Carolina law. The above terms and conditions fully represent the agreement of the Parties hereto. Therefore, each Party acknowledges its consent and agreement to this Stipulation by authorizing its counsel to affix his or her signature to this document where indicated below. Counsel's signature represents his or her representation that his or her client has authorized the execution of the agreement. Facsimile signatures and e-mail signatures shall be as effective as original signatures to bind any party. This document may be signed in counterparts, with the various signature pages combined with the body of the document constituting an original and provable copy of this Stipulation.

WE AGREE:

**Representing and binding the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff**



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